like Malaria and Kala Azar in accordance with recommendations of WHO. A High Level Mandate Committee has been constituted which meets annually in order to determine the area and quantum of DDT spray in the country.

(b) to (e) DDT is a persistent organic compound which can stay in the environment long after its initial application. During this period, DDT and its breakdown products may enter the food chain and accumulate in fatty' tissues. There is currently no direct link established between DDT and its possible negative effects on human health.

12.00 Noon

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report and Accounts (1997-98) of the Central Agricultural University, Imphal and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(a) Annual Accounts of the Central Agricultural University, Imphal, Manipur, for the year 1997-1998, and the Audit Report thereon, under sub-section (4) of section-30 of the Central Agricultural University Act, 1992.

(b) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 4496/06]

Notification of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD): Sir, I lay on the Table, under sub section (1) of section 31 of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Consumer Affairs) Notification G.S.R. 273 (E)